#335 W. 4th St., Wmsport Pa.
Aug. 5th, 1883

My Dear Son,

Your letter received last week and it is due you to say that it was wuite lengthy, newsy and worth the postage.

I see by yesterday's Tribune that Col. Elisha B. Marshall died in Canandagua on Friday. I will send the paper to Uncle Sherman. Did Mrs. T. go there from Bradford? Augusta and I are alone today. Papa went with Uncle D.H. to spend a day or two at the Cabin. He is not at all well and I urged him to go thinking it might do him good. Mr. Foley is away and there is no service, so we are home quiet all day. Chester was over a while this morning. He rode out last evening on Pet, alone. Charles has set a 100 more celery plants and keeps the yard looking fine, cuts it twice a week and the Plantin is all disappearing from the croquet ground. Shearing it often seems to kill it out. Grandma is still away, but is expected home Tuesday night. Katie will leave here on Monday. I have no one in view, many are sending by Barnett, he is going down to get 12 this week. I may send and you will have to overcome your dislike for the shade. I saw in the Courier an account of Uncle David Gannon's family gathering written by Floyd Rice. It was very nicely written.

I suppose this is your last week, hope you will come when your 4 weeks are up on Papa's account and to do some things before you have to begin school. You know I want to go to Bradford when you egt home, if I can get help to leave. Papa thinks he would enjoy going there better than any where else. Aunt Clara is going to the seashore on Wednesday. Your horse has not been out of the stable since you left, only to be led around the yard a few times. Papa says they get exercise fighting flies. Tell Grandpa and Grandma to write when they can. Hope you will be careful about making them trouble. Harry rides to Market with Charles and I every time, he misses you.

Sweep has taken a notion not to let him come into the front yard and now there is no one to pet him there, as you did - makes him stay in the back yard. You can read this to Grandpa's folks and it will be the same as if written to them. Has Carrie Culver arrived in Bradford yet? LaRue talks of going to Bradford about the 20th of Aug. Robert has gone to Conn. Stony-Creek etc.

Write once more and tell us when you will be coming. Again I say, hope you will visit Uncle Willard on your way back. Augusta has not heard one word from Lucie yet, and she wrote her again by mail 2 weeks ago.

Love to all,
Your Mother

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W.E.C. Merriman's notes:

Col. Marshall was Dr. Talmadge's brother-in-law. Mary was Dr.'s daughter.
Uncle Sherman, grandmother Morse Crane's brother.

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THQ notes:

Sherman Morse (1821-1898) -- brother of Hannah Morse; moved to Illinois

Uncle D.H. -- DeForest Holt Merriman (1838), brother of Cyrus M. Merriman

Dr. Talmadge -- Warren Alvah Tallmadge (1838-1889), Adeliza Munson's cousin through her mother's brother Jonathan Talmadge. Dr. Talmadge married Josepha Youle Marshall (1834-1889), sister of Col. Elisha G. Marshall (1829-1883)

Uncle Willard -- Willard Child Morse (1826-1889), Hannah Morse's brother